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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a long time subscriber to Internet and phone service from Sonic, a provider I chose primarily for their reputation for quality service and independence from larger national providers. I have appreciated and continue to support their personal friendly service and support as well as their advocacy of Internet privacy.

I recently upgraded to gigabit fiber service with Sonic and am especially pleased that the monthly bill has increased minimally. I use this service for both home and work needs and will be impacted personally and financially if pricing is forced to increase.

As far as I understand the law, smaller independent providers are permitted and protected in their expansion of and provision of fiber networks. This right should be encouraged and foremost be protected as spelled out in current legislation.

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